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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reply Comments; DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As I follow Virginia-based LightSquared's efforts to deploy a nationwide broadband network, I appreciate your willingness to hear comments regarding this matter.


While LightSquared has faced some challenges in the process, I admire their commitment to make improvements to our nation's wireless broadband infrastructure. LightSquared's goal is in the public interest because of the positive economic impact it could have on the business landscape in terms of innovation and job creation. As the Competitive Carriers Association noted in their comments, if the Commission grants LightSquared's license modification applications, not only would the new network help resolve complex spectrum management questions, but also enhance competition for the benefit of American customers. This competition means that innovation will remain at the forefront, while services remain low cost for consumers.

Adding to the economic impact, underserved areas across the country will have the opportunity to have access to reliable broadband spectrum. The rural-oriented Competitive Carriers Association continues to say that LightSquared's network will enable device manufacturers and smaller carriers to offer mobile wireless service with a national footprint to reach these chronically underserved areas.

I applaud the Commission for taking on the challenge of expanding spectrum and urge you to allow LightSquared to move forward with their proposal. LightSquared's network is a solid investment into our broadband future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Renee Boswell